

the responsibility to give them our full support as they fight for the liberty of an oppressed people, for the security of the United States, and for the peace of the world.

Thank you for listening.

NOTE: The address was recorded at 10:31 a.m. on March 28 in the Cabinet Room at the White House for broadcast at 10:06 a.m. on March 29. The transcript was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on March 28 but was embargoed for release until the broadcast. In his remarks, the President referred to President Saddam Hussein of Iraq. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of this address.

### **Letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives Transmitting a Subsidy Budget Request for US Airways, Inc.**

*March 28, 2003*

*Dear Mr. Speaker:*

In accordance with provisions of Public Law 107-42, the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, I hereby submit a request pursuant to section 101(b) of that Act, for support of a \$1 billion Federal credit instrument for US Airways, Inc.

I hereby designate this subsidy budget authority, currently estimated at \$137.6 million, as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 252(e) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

The details of this request are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on March 31.

### **Remarks at the Port of Philadelphia in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

*March 31, 2003*

Thank you very much for that warm welcome. It is an honor to be here at one of our Nation's busiest ports and one of our country's greatest cities.

Philadelphia and its port shows the hard-working spirit of this country. It speaks to our economic might. Most importantly, Philadelphia talks about a proud history. After all, it was in this place that we first declared our dedication to liberty. We still believe that all men are created equal and have the right to be free. And that is true for Americans, and that is true for men and women in Iraq.

We know that liberty must be defended by every generation. Today, in the Middle East and on other fronts in the war on terror, this generation of Americans is fighting bravely in the cause of freedom. And that includes the good people of the United States Coast Guard.

The men and women of our Coast Guard are showing once again that you are "always ready." You're always ready to serve with courage and excellence. You are always ready to place your country's safety above your own. You shield your fellow Americans from the danger of this world, and America is grateful.

It's my honor to be here with Tom Ridge, the first Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. People of Pennsylvania trained him well. [*Laughter*] He's doing a fabulous job, and I appreciate his service.

I'm honored to be with the leadership of the United States Coast Guard: Admiral Tom Collins; Vice Admiral Jim Hull. Most importantly, I'm glad to be with the men and women who proudly wear the uniform of the United States Coast Guard.

I appreciate the Members of the United States Congress who have joined us here: Senator Arlen Specter—thank you for coming, Senator Specter—Members of Congress, Robert Brady and Jim Gerlach, Jim Greenwood, Don Sherwood, and Joe Hoeffel. Thank you all very much for being here. I appreciate you coming.

Members from the statehouse, the State government, are here: the Lieutenant Governor Knoll, Attorney General Fisher are with us today. Thank you both for coming. And the Mayor came, Mayor Street. Thank you, I'm honored you're here, Mr. Mayor. I appreciate you coming.

I also want to thank employees of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection for